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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:
determining when a network interface is turned on at a client system;
determining when said network interface is turned off at the client system;
storing, at the client system, information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off; and
transmitting a call detail record from the client system to a billing module on a billing system based on the information relating to said time-based bill.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising obtaining desired information across said network while said network interface is on.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein obtaining said information comprises encrypting said information, transmitting said encrypted information across said network, and decrypting said encrypted information.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said information relates to a video file.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching an application based on a menu selection.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising transmitting a connect packet from a client to a router device, said connect packet being based on said selected application.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein when said network interface is on, said method further comprises allowing access to a desired content.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said call detail record comprising information relating to at least one of a time, an Internet protocol address and a status.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a disconnect packet from a client to a router device.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.

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15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying call detail record information based on information relating to said time-based bill.

16. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
connecting a client with a content provider of a desired content;
obtaining said desired content from said content provider;
disconnecting said client from said content provider;
determining an amount of time said client is connected to said content provider;
storing information at the client related to the determined amount of time; and
providing, from the client, the stored information to a billing system.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein determining said amount of time comprises:
determining when a network interface to said content provider is turned on;
determining when said network interface to said content provider is turned off;
and storing information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein obtaining said desired content comprises encrypting said desired content, transmitting said encrypted desired content from said content provider across a network and decrypting said encrypted desired content.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein connecting said client with said content provider comprises transmitting a connect packet from said client to a router device.

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20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the stored information comprises a call detail record.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said call detail record comprising information relating to at least one of a time, an Internet protocol address and a status.
24. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein disconnecting said client from said content provider comprises transmitting a disconnect packet from said client to a router device.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein disconnecting said client further comprises transmitting a status packet from said router device to said client.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising updating a status of said router device in a state table.
27. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising displaying call detail record information.
28. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said desired content relates to a video file.

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29-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:
determining when a network interface is turned on at a client system;
determining when said network interface is turned off at the client system;
storing, at the client system, information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off; and
providing, from the client system, the stored information to a billing system.

37. (Previously Presented) A computer system comprising at least one processing unit, at least one input device, at least one output device and at least one storage device, said storage device tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processing unit to perform a method of billing usage over a network, said method comprising:
determining when a network interface is turned on;
determining when said network interface is turned off;
storing, at the computer system, information relating to a time-based bill based on when the network interface is turned on and when the network interface is turned off; and
providing the stored information to a billing system.